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But O! what poor re - turns I make! What life - less
To him I con - se - crate my praise, And vow the
Give me at length an an - gel's tongue, That heav'n may

8 47 3-6 6 6 10 9 8 7 6 5 6

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thanks I pay thee back! Lord! I con - fess with hum - ble
rem - nant of my days. Yet what at best can I pre -
ech - o with my song; The theme, too great for time, shall

7 6 6 6 3 3 4 6 10 9 8 7

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shame, My off - rings scarce de - serve the name.
-tend Wor - thy such gifts from such a friend?
be The joy of long e - ter - ni - ty.

6 5 6 6 3 3 4 6 6 6 8 7

Air and figured bass in MS, realised by MCB. Emendations: Bar 7 Bass bottom D, octave up added. Bar 21 Bass A did not harmonise, changed to G. Bar 27 Bass B scratched out, changed to C in MS, but B preferred, c.f. bar 19. Words from *Hymns founded on Various Texts ...* published 1759 by Job Orton. Text & this variant are not in HTI.